

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A nonwoven fibrous web comprised of metal or refractory fibers and poly(phenylene sulfide) as a binder for said fibers.
2. (Original) The nonwoven web of claim 1, wherein the web is comprised of metal fibers.
3. (Original) The nonwoven web of claim 1, wherein the web is comprised of refractory fibers.
4. (Original) The web of claim 3, wherein the web is comprised of carbon fibers.
5. (Original) The nonwoven web of claim 4, wherein the carbon fibers are comprised of activated carbon fibers.
6. (Original) The nonwoven web of claim 1, wherein the web is comprised of zinc, nickel and/or stainless steel fibers.
7. (Original) The nonwoven web of claim 1, wherein the poly(phenylene sulfide) binder comprises a poly(phenylene sulfide) having a para content greater than 75%.

8. (Original) The nonwoven web of claim 1, wherein the web is comprised of ceramic fibers.

9. (Original) The nonwoven web of claim 1, wherein the web is comprised of zinc fibers.

10. – 14. (Withdrawn)

15. (Original) A filter comprised of the nonwoven web of claim 1.

16. (Original) A fuel cell comprised of a nonwoven web as defined in claim 1.

17. (Original) An electrode comprised of a nonwoven web as defined in claim 1.

18. (New) The non-woven web of claim 1, wherein the amount of poly(phenylene sulfide) in the web comprises from 3 to 20 weight percent.